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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan to create a National EmergencyManagement Force in the country for tackling manmade and natural calamities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said force is likely to be created?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c): There is no proposal under consideration for creation of a National Emergency Management Force in the country for tackling manmade and natural calamities. However, there is a proposal to raise a Specialised Disaster ResponseOrganisation (SDRO) with two units to be called Specialised Disaster Response Units(SDRUs) to augment/supplement the resources of the States and the nodal Ministries at the Centre by providing specialized resources in natural and man made disasters, which are unanticipated and need specialized response. This proposal is at a very initial and formative stage.